Leicester,
Nov. 10/67.
Sunday.

Dear friend Garrison,

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I heartily & sincerely congratulate you, and rejoice with all your family, on your return, and Frank's, to your home again; trusting you have come back better in health, & fresher & more elastic in spirit, than for many years past. I have been away, with my wife, visiting some friends on the Connecticut river, & only returned home last night. I saw the Java's arrival while I was away.

— I am still detained here, by two or three Engagements, & do not now expect to be in Boston

before Thursday next; — but,
whenever I do so to Boston,
I shall take a very early opp.
to see you.

Meantime,
With affectionate regard
I am Yrs.
Sam'l May Jr

My wife did not return
home with me, but is at her
sister's in Greenfield. She
was full of joy at hearing of
your "safe return", as she
said. — Addie sends her love
to you & all yours.

We all thought what a grief
it would be to you, ~~to~~ when you
learned of John A. Andrew's
death. It is a severe blow.